



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 17, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Cheu called the meeting to order at 6:25pm

PRESENT: Eltgroth, Clark, Cheu, McCann, Hauge, and Scott

ABSENT: Hubbell, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mark Frederick

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad
Public Works Administrative Secretary Karen Nelson
Public Works Associate Engineer David Gittleson

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Ms. Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Behzad opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 16, 2004 and April 15, 2004 meetings were unanimously approved.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Staff Report

*** Grant Proposals – Monthly Report**

Ms. Behzad presented her monthly report regarding grant proposals:

TFC funds for Coyote Creek Trail – This item is going to Council on 6/23/04. Mr. Gittleson will have the application completed by the June 30th deadline. This trail is a portion of #8 in the BMP. Karl Bjarke and Mr. Gittleson drove by the site and noted the pavement is narrow, trees overhang, and it is not currently safe for bikes. Peet Road has been developed so the suggested bike route is from MorningStar to Peet to Cochrane to Sutter (Sutter is included due to BTA grant for signing and striping we already have). There will be new striping done on Cochrane to provide sufficiently sized

bike lanes on both sides of the street. Member Eltgroth asked what the speed limit is; Mr. Gittleson will make sure the speed limit vs. width requirement is met. There will be a kiosk at the Trail with bike maps that show people how to get to the downtown area. In response to Member McCann's question asking if the people on MorningStar had been contacted, Mr. Gittleson said the plan for the area is to put only a bike route sign there, no new striping. The City will be notified in October about award or denial of the grant and Ms. Behzad will report back at that time. TFC funds are administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and VTA. At the completion of this project, Sutter, Cochrane, and Monterey will all have bike lanes.

*** Status of the Resolution Declaring the City of Morgan Hill as a Bicycle Friendly Community**

Ms. Behzad reported the resolution was adopted by City Council on April 21, 2004.

*** Trail Proposal from Bellinger Foster Steinmetz, Landscape Architecture**

Ms. Behzad opened the discussion regarding the proposal. She said the City is applying for a grant for \$20,000, as there is not enough money in the Parks budget to fund this work. Member Scott endorsed Bellinger Foster Steinmetz as having done a good job on the Master Plan. Motion was passed to recommend this proposal to the PRC

*** Bikeways Master Plan – Quarterly Review**

Ms. Behzad reported that there wasn't any update for this month. This item will be brought back on the September agenda, and it was requested that the review be attached to the agenda with the evaluation form created by Member Scott.

*** Monterey/UPRR Sidewalk/Multi-use Path**

Ms. Behzad reported that is illegal for cyclists to use the multi-use path.

2. Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

- Member Eltgroth reported the June meeting had been canceled.
- Member Eltgroth reported that the City's letter to appoint him to this Committee didn't reach the Board of Supervisors in time to be on their consent calendar. Because the prior appointee fills in until the new person is appointed, this did not cause an issue. He should be appointed at the next meeting.

3. Chair Announcements

- None

BUSINESS

1. Appointment Of Chair And Selection Of Vice Chair

Ms. Behzad presented the staff report. Member Cheu appointed as Chair and Member Hauge was appointed as Vice-Chair.

2. Morgan Hill's Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Member Hauge reported that he has been waiting for the resolution passed on April 21, 2004. He will report more next month.

3. Community Award for Cycling Promotion

Member Hauge and Member Clark will get together; someone at Specialized will be designing the award certificate. Member Clark asked that guidelines for nominations, awards and voting be drafted so everyone has the same understanding. Member Hauge will draft an outline and send it out via e-mail. Discussion will be via e-mail, and he asked that all members be ready with nominations for next month's meeting.

4. Bike Parking at Taste of Morgan Hill

Member Clark said there is a Chamber meeting on 6/24/04 at 5:30pm at the Chamber of Commerce building next to the old theater. Member Clark is prepared with his notes. Taste of Morgan Hill is held the 4th weekend in September. Per the Chamber, Member Clark is recognized as the bike parking chairman. It was noted that better signage is needed to indicate where bike parking is located. Member Eltgroth volunteered to get notice of bike parking at the event in a couple biking publications.

5. Sprockids Program in Morgan Hill

Chairman Hubbell was absent – item continued.

6. Fourth of July Parade

Chairman Hubbell was absent – no participation was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Scott gave a Bike Friendly City Award to the City of Mountain View, and presented their Mayor with a bike.
- Member Eltgroth announced a Bike Education Class at Specialized Bike on 6/19/04 and 6/20/04.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Bikeways Master Plan – Quarterly reviews to ensure planned items are moving ahead
- Bike Race in Morgan Hill – Member Clark to chair

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held on July 15, 2004 at 6:15 pm.